

Students Honored at the 12th Annual Delaware Day Fourth Grade Competition Ceremony

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(Dover, Del.) – Chief Deputy Secretary of State Rick Geisenberger congratulated fourth grade students from across the state for their participation in the 12th Annual Delaware Day Fourth Grade Competition during the award ceremony celebrated on December 7, 2013 at the Delaware Public Archives in Dover.

The awards are named in honor of Delaware's five signers: Jacob Broom, Richard Bassett, Gunning Bedford, Jr., John Dickinson and George Read. Five awards were given to the schools with the most accurate and creative projects. Honorable mention awards were given to 16 schools for their participation. A total of 22 schools participated in this year's competition.

"This competition is a fun and interactive way to educate the next generation about Delaware's role in the development of American government," said Chief Deputy Secretary of State Geisenberger. "Delaware has a proud heritage as the first state to ratify the U. S. Constitution. It's important for all young people to learn about our Constitution so they will continue our nation's long journey of pursuing justice, opportunity and liberty."

The winners of the 2013 Delaware Day Fourth Grade Competition are:

- George Read Award: William C. Lewis Elementary School

and Brandywine Springs Elementary

- Gunning Bedford, Jr. Award: Brader Elementary School and Gallaher Elementary School
- John Dickinson Award: Booker T. Washington Elementary School
- Richard Bassett Award: Blades Elementary School
- Jacob Broom: Learning Express Academy

Students were given two months to prepare an informative and artistic four panel display on Delaware's role in its writing and ratifying the U.S. Constitution which may include art work, poetry, songs, or political cartoons. Representatives from the Department of State judged 34 projects focusing on three main areas: accuracy, spelling and creativity.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the adoption of December 7th as Delaware Day. On this day, since 1933, the governors of Delaware have officially recognized when Delaware became the first state to ratify the Federal Constitution in 1787.

For more information visit the [Annual Delaware Day Competition](#) webpage or call (302) 736-7400.

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